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Reference to connected papers.

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132. Akali Dal, Bengal.

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The Shiromani Akali Dal Amritsar is reported to have communicated the resolution recently passed by the Dal deciding to supply a lakh of volunteers to the Congress for the Civil Disobedience Movement, to the President of the local Branch enquiring from the latter as to his quota. The Bengal President will hold a meeting on 25.6.40 to fix the number to be supplied from Bengal for the purpose.

236. B.P.C.C. Volunteers.

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23.6.40.

A sum of Rs.1,500/- of which Rs.1,000/- is being paid by Mr.N.R.Sarkar has been specially allotted by the B.P.C.C. for the training of a dozen volunteer organisers (i.e. six from South Calcutta and six from Central Calcutta) who, after the completion of their training, will be sent out in different districts on a pay of Rs.20/- p.m. One

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Anil Chandra Das of Mymensingh has been entrusted with this work. One of the organizers from South Calcutta named Atul Chandra Bhattacharji is most prominent. Both theoretical and practical (drill) classes are being held every evening by Anil Chandra Das. During the lectures no stress is made on non-violence. Rather they are taught to use even little force in case of extreme difficulty. On 21.6.40 the recruits were told by Anil Das that there was every possibility of their being incorporated in the National Militia to be formed for the defence of their country and of their being armed. The Bengal Congress will not co-operate with the Government Volunteer organization but it will not oppose any attempt by other bodies forming any trained corps of volunteers. To preserve internal order Congress volunteers will lend full support to Government.

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247. Bepin Ganguly's party.

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Ranen Guha of 26, Neogypukur Lane ~~xxxx~~
~~xxxxx~~ has made over an automatic pistol No. 732692

Browning patent probably of .28 Bore (produced) to the agent asking him to hand it over to Dobi Chatterji of Jugipara Lane for safe custody till 29-6-40. Ranen is now training the new B.P.C.C. volunteers on the roof of the Saraswati Press. He said that he had been collecting subscriptions upto Rs. 10/- from each member for the purchase of revolver and cartridges and that he would put the members through firing course in the suburbs of Calcutta when sufficient quantity of cartridges were procured. He contemplates to commit a dacoity in a certain house in Howrah where he expects to get at least Rs. 50,000/-.

(Note :- The pistol has been sent to the A.A. Dept. for examination).

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46. Howrah Congress Activities.

C.109.
30.6.40.

Due to the difference of opinion between Haren Ghose and Kartick Dutt in connection with the naming of a lane in Howrah, a split in the Howrah Congress Committee is imminent. Mr. Barada Prasad Pain, the Chairman of the Howrah Municipality, failed to bring about a compromise between the two.

The Howrah Congress is ready with volunteers to offer Satyagraha for the removal of the Holwell Monument.

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90. Congress Politics.

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Dr. Prafulla Ghosh who has recently returned from Delhi after attending the meeting of the Congress Working Committee has been rather secretive about the proceedings of the meeting. He is reported to have given out that there is every possibility of the Congress

launching a Satyagraha movement after the ensuing meeting of the A.I.C.C. at Poona on the 27th of this month. Almost all the members of the A.I.C.C. from Bengal are expected to attend the session.

A batch of Congress volunteers of the new B.F.C.C. have already finished training. They will be sent to different districts of Bengal to organize volunteer units after the B.F.C.C. receives specific instructions from the A.I.C.C.,

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SOCIALISM. 19. 7. 40.

140. J.P.I. - Congress. of Ward IX.

C. 187.
17.7.40.

In a meeting* of Ward IX Congress Committee on 17.7.40 it was announced that 45 volunteers had been recruited for the Building Workers' Union, the Biri Workers' Union and the Calcutta Tramway Workers' Union.

*Sisir Ganguly (C.P.I.),
Amulya Chakrabarti (C.P.I.),
Samar Sen Gupta (C.P.I.),
Santi Sen (C.P.I.),
Md. Yusuf (C.P.I.) of Biri
Workers' Union.
Upen Sanyal (B.L.A.) of
Oriental Gas Workers' Union.

Three instructors** were selected for training the recruits and uniform was supplied to about 50 members of this Corps from the Preparation Fund.

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Sisir Ganguly
Samar Sen Gupta
Santi Sen.

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TERRORIST GROUPS. 22. 7. 40.

156. Jugantar.

New Agent.
19.7.40.

Under the instructions of Bhupendra K. Dutta (E.S.P.) Birendra Kar (E.D.) and Manindra Ghosh have been trying to form a union of the employees of the Iron and Steel Workshop of Berruck & Comens at Tiljala. So far they have not met with any response from the workers.

The party leaflet which was expected to be printed by Arun Guha (E.S.P.) will not now be printed. Bhupendra Dutta remarked that unlike other anti-Imperialist organizations either terrorist, Communist or Congress, the Jugantar decided to suspend all over zealous activities for the present to avoid arrests of important workers and to get time to organize the party. The party would keep their fullest strength reserved for the opportune moment to strike, which was expected soon. Bhupendra Dutta said that the future of their party organisation depended to a great extent on the result of Mymensingh bye-election.

The B.P.C.C.(new) teachers' training course in parade which is being held on the roof of the B.P.C.C. office (vide para 236/^{June}) is also controlled by the party. About 12 volunteers receive training under Ajo Dutta (E.D.) alias Tukshimashay almost every evening. After being trained these volunteers will be sent to different mofussil centres to train the local volunteers.

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187. C.P.I. - Congress.

C. 187.
23.7.40.

According to Sisir Ganguly (C.P.I.) the C.P.I. men in Ward IX Congress Committee have come to an understanding with the Ad Hoc Committee, i.e. the official B.P.C.C. in so far as the latter would control the Executive Committee and elect its office-bearers while the former would manage the Volunteer Corps and have the use of the office room.

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188. B.L.A. - Congress. *Vol 6*

C. 187.
23.7.40.

A Satyagraha Committee has been formed at Burrabaz under the patronage and with the financial support of Dr. Suresh Banerjee (B.L.A., E.C.) and managed by Hiralal Lohia (father of Dr. Ram Monohar Lohia of the A.I.C.C.). About 20 up-countrymen have been enrolled as volunteers, and will be provided with white khaddar uniform (half shirt and short).

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189. B.P.C.C. - Volunteers.

C. 196.
23. 7. 40.

Jugantar leaders who control the B.P.C.C. are reported to be dissatisfied with a circular letter recently issued by the A.I.C.C. to the effect that Congress volunteers should take the pledge of strict non-violence. They are anxious that such a strict pledge should not govern the organization of volunteers. They hope to influence the Congress High Command to accept this view at the forthcoming session of the A.I.C.C.

Meanwhile efforts are being made by Kohinoor Ghosh, Suresh Das and Fanindra Kishore Acharya Chowdhuri to raise funds for the volunteer organization.

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MAGISTRATE'S OBJECTION

Lahore Congress Discontinues Volunteers' Parade

Lahore, July 27.
The District Magistrate having
objected to the parades held by Con-
gress volunteers in the precincts of the
Bradlaugh Hall, the Lahore District
Congress Committee has discontinued
the practice.

It is learnt that the District Magis-
trate recently summoned the Pre-
sident of the District Congress Com-
mittee and told him that no parades
in military formation could be held
even within the walled compounds—
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38. B.P.C.C. (New).

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31.7.40.

According to Tulsi Ghose of Alambazar (24-Pargannas) Bepin Ganguli, ex-detenu, was taking steps for the formation of a Volunteer Corps in 24-Pargannas under instructions of the B.P.C.C. with the object of defending the country from foreign invasion and protecting internal peace. This organization would not follow the Gandhian principle of non-violence. Bepin Ganguli has asked him (Tulsi) to exercise his influence over the youngmen of the locality.

224. Secondary Education Bill and Second Calcutta Municipal Amendment Bill.

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25.8.40.

On 25.8.40 in a public meeting (about 3,000) jointly organised by the B.P.C.C. (suspended) and the B.P.Hindu Mahasava, under the presidentship of Sir Manmatha Nath Mukherjee at the Sraddhananda Park, the president and the speakers* generally condemning the

*Lekshmi Kanta Moitra,
Sarat Ch. Bose,
Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee,
Mr. Gibbon (Anglo-Indian Association),
Sir Manmatha Nath Mukherjee,
Others present:
Natish Ch. Bose (brother of Sarat Chandra Bose),
Ulal Mitra (Congress Nationalist Party),
Ashutosh Lahiri,
Padamraj Jain, Bhagirath Das,
Dr. Promatha Banerjee,
Prof. Raj Kumar Chakravarty,
Sanat Kumar Roy Choudhury,
Nagan Das (B.P. Hindu Sava),
Atu Ghose (F.D.),
Herendra Kumar Basu, Advocate,
S. C. Gupta,
Lekshmi Kanta Sil.

Secondary Education Bill and the Calcutta Municipal Amendment Bill, and bitterly attacked the Ministry. They proposed to set up a national Education Board for the Hindus in Bengal if and when the bill was enacted.

A resolution demanding the withdrawal of the Secondary Education Bill and the Calcutta Municipal Amendment Bill was passed. B.I.I.

About a dozen volunteers in short and shirt and wearing a Congress badge were noticed. Copies of a printed pamphlet in Bengali containing the speech of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee at the All Bengal Protest Day meeting in the Sraddhananda Park on 4.8.40 were distributed in the meeting.

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CORPORATION BYE-ELECTION

Central Calcutta D. C. C. Meeting

At a meeting of the Central Calcutta District Congress Committee applications received from the intending candidates desiring to contest the Corporation Bye-election to be held shortly in Ward No. XI for the election of a Councillor in the vacancy caused by the death of Babu Natabar Chandra Dutta, were considered and after a short discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"That whereas it has been established beyond doubt that Babu Raj Kumar Bose, Solicitor, President, C. C. D. C. C. is an earnest worker in the cause of the Congress and has a firm faith in the leadership of Deshagaurab Sree Subhas Chandra Bose and whereas the said Raj Kumar Babu has a fair chance of success, he having the necessary popularity in the Ward be it resolved that he be nominated finally as the Congress candidate in the ensuing Corporation Bye-election in Ward No. XI.

Be it resolved further that the other candidates in the field be respectfully requested to uphold the aforesaid decision with their usual selflessness and to withdraw from the contest in favour of Raj Kumar Babu.

"Resolved also that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee of which Babu Rajendra Nath Dev is the President for favour of ratification."

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135. B.P.C.C.(suspended).

C.L.92
17-9-40

Panic prevails among the workers due to the recent arrests. Apprehending arrest of other leaders Hemanta Bose has asked Saroj Bhowmik to remain aloof and organize Congress volunteers secretly for the movement to be launched by the suspended B.P.C.C. which does not approve of the A.I.C.C. decision.

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17-9-40

At an informal meeting held at the B.P.C.C. (suspended) office on 16-9-40 arrangements were made to

*Tarakdas Banerjee, Aftabul Islam, Pannalal Mitter, Sailen Basu, Farimal Bhattacharji, Purushottam Rai, Dr.Jyotish Ghosh, Hemanta Bose, Rajen Deb, Koshta Chatterji and others.	provide for 8 released Holwell Monument Satyagrahis as follows:- 1. Krishna Chatterjee of Howrah took charge of one Satyagrahis. 2. Purushottam Rai ... 1. 3. Hindustan Printing ... 1. 4. Central Calcutta Congress Committee. ... 3. 5. B.P.C.C.(suspended)office. ... 2. Total ... 8
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They also decided not to allow any outsider to the B.P.C.C.office for the purpose of reading newspapers.

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66. Jamiat e Ulemai Hind.

M.13
13-10-40

Moulana Abul Kalam Azad has directed the Jamiat-e-ulemai Hind, Delhi, to reorganize the Provincial Branches of the Jamiat and to form "Inser" Volunteer Corps. for helping the Congress satyagrah movement shortly to be started.

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75. Burrabazar Congress Committee.

C.L.108
14.10.40.

At a meeting of the members* of the above Committee held on 9.10.40 at 170, Harrison Road a resolution was passed deciding to collect a sum of Rs. 2,500/- from the

* Pandit Jiwanlal.
Dr. Kishorilal.
Ganga Prosad Bhotika,
Ram Monohar Singh,
Durga Prosad Sukul,
Sewnath Sukul,
Jagat Narain Sukul
Bharatendu,
Ram Singhason Singh,
Srikanta Thakur,
Arjun Singh,
Sewbaran Dubey,
Mirthi Ben,
Hari Ben,
Matadhar Roy,
Bhagwati Tewary,
Surajbans Singh,
Madanlal Missir,
Ram Bankar Tripathi,
Bhola Singh.

merchants of Burrabazar for paying up the arrear rent of the office room, the unpaid dues of its employees and also to provide free board and lodging to the volunteers now being enrolled for the future Civil Disobedience Movement.

A Committee with Pandit Jiwanlal, Saty-narain Missir, Sewbaran Dubey, Ganga Prosad Bhotika and Dr. Kishorilal was also formed for the above purpose.

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93. Burrabazar Congress Committee.

C.L. 108
20-10-40

In a meeting of the Executive members of the Burrabazar Congress Committee held at 170, Harrison Road on 20-10-40, printed receipt books were distributed

*Satyanarain Missir -Secretary.

Jewanlal Pandit,
Hiralal Lohia,
Dr. Kishorilal,
Bhagwati Tewary,
Arjun Singh,
Sewbaran Dubey,
Ram Sanker Tripathi,
Dhola Singh,
Madanlal Missir,
Ram Mohan Singh,
Srikanta Thakur,
Hari Sanker Sarma,
Surajbans Singh,
Hari Ben.

to the members for raising the amount of Rs. 2500/- from the merchants of Burrabazar. According to the resolution passed by the Committee on 9-10-40 (vide para. No. 75) -
Satyanarain Missir

announced the gift of 30 Khaki half pants and shirts for the volunteers by a Marwari and remarked that 70 more sets of kit would be required to be provided for.

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112. Jamiat-e-ulemai Hind, Delhi.

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22.10.40.

Moulana Mossain Ahamed Madni, President of the Jamiat has informed Moulana Abul Kalam Azad that it is his belief that the satyagraha started by Mr. Gandhi will end in failure and that the Congress will have to start a civil disobedience movement. The Jamiat will help the Congress satyagrahis with men and volunteers.

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128. Jamiat-e-Ulemai, Calcutta.

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20.11.40.

About 100 Ansar volunteers have been enlisted by the Jamiat. A batch of 10 volunteers is being trained at the Jamiat Office at 1, Ismail Madan Lane in Satyagraha and Congress propaganda. Kari Rahmatullah and others of the Jamiat attended a recent meeting of the B.P.C.C. held in connection with the Satyagraha movement and promised to help with Satyagrahis. A similar promise has been given to the Barabazar Congress Committee. An attempt is being made to enlist volunteers at Titagarh and other mill areas but so far, no response has been received from the Mussaimans.

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CURRENT TOPICS: 22-11-40.

122. Satyagraha movement.

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As a result of the directions of the B.P.C.C. (N.E.) to the Congress Committees of mofussil districts to enlist Satyagraha volunteers, Congress workers are trying to enlist Muslim Satyagrahis in the mofussil but are not getting much response from the Muslims.

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L.H. 69995-96
22-11-40

According to letters to the President of the B.P.C.C. and Dr. Prafulla Ch. Ghose, the following persons have volunteered as Satyagrahis.

- (1) Dilip Kumar Biswas, B.L. Bagerhat, Khulna.
- (2) Prafulla Ch. Sen, P.O. Arambagh, Dist. Hooghly.

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method of courting imprisonment. No speeches, no meetings but quiet propaganda which is bound to be effective. More instructions regarding this will be issued later.

Sd/- J. B. Kripalani.

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L.B. Summary of the w/g 28.4.40

PART V.—CONGRESS.

1. **A.I.C.C.**—M. 13 reports on 11th April that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, will try to organise a permanent Congress Volunteer Corps in every province. According to Abdur Rezzak Mahilabadi, Editor of the *Hind*, about one and a half lakh of volunteers are ready to join the proposed Civil Disobedience Movement. They are only awaiting for the word of command.

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Volunteer Organisation shown in the 1st Half Yearly
report of 1941, but now defunct -

1. Ward IX Congress Committee Volunteers.
2. Wards IX, X, XI, and XIV Forward Bloc Volunteers.

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original in M.543
vide our letter no. M.543 d. 12.1.42. to Head Sec. A.D.

List of volunteer organisations already shown in the
1st half yearly report of 1941.

Name of organisations.	A.			B.		C.		D.	
	1. Present strength.	2. Financial position.	3. Whether membership increasing.	Principal activities during past six months.		Changes in Constitution of General practice.		1. Extent of influence and importance. 2. Whether actually or potentially dangerous.	
1. North Calcutta Congress Committee Volunteer Corps. (suspended).	1. 25 2. Not sound. 3. Decreasing.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.		Nil.		1. North Calcutta area. 2. Potentially dangerous.	
2. Rastriya Swajam Sewak Sangha.	1. 80 2. Not sound. 3. Decreasing.	Holds occasional drills.		Nil.		Nil.		1. North Calcutta. 2. Not dangerous.	
3. Jatiya Juvak Sangha.	1. 280 2. Moderate. 3. Not increasing.	Nil.		Nil.		Nil.		1. North Calcutta. 2. Not dangerous.	
4. South Calcutta Congress Committee Volunteer Corps. (suspended).	1. 150 2. Poor. 3. Not increasing.	Nil.		Nil.		Nil.		1. South Calcutta. 2. Potentially dangerous.	
5. Khetait Sangha Volunteers.	1. 60 including 20 females. 2. Not sound. 3. Not increasing.	Nil.		Nil.		Nil.		1. South Calcutta. 2. Not dangerous.	
6. Barati Belak Sangha Volunteers.	1. 50 2. Not sound. 3. Not increasing.	Nil.		Nil.		Nil.		1. Allpore & Coetla. 2. Not dangerous.	
7. Burraabagar Congress Committee.	1. 51 2. Not sound. 3. Not increasing.	Nil.		Nil.		Nil.		1. Burraabagar area. 2. Potentially dangerous.	

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Name of organizations.	A.			B.		C.		D.	
	1. Present strength.	2. Financial position.	3. Whether membership increasing.	Principal activities during past six months.		Changes in Constitution of general practice.		Extent of influence and importance. Whether actually or potentially dangerous.	
8. Hindu Mahasabha Volunteers.	1. 50 2. Sound. 3. Not increasing.	Nil.			Nil.	Nil.		1. Whole of Calcutta. 2. Potentially dangerous.	
9. Begbhera Gymnasium Volunteers.	1. 50 2. Good. 3. Not increasing.	Took part in social activities.			Nil.	Nil.		1. North Calcutta. 2. Potentially dangerous.	
10. Begbhera Terun Byas Samity.	1. 15 2. Not good. 3. Not increasing.	Took part in social activities.			Nil.	Nil.		1. North Calcutta 2. Actually dangerous.	
11. Terrenenti Samity.	1. 45 2. Not sound. 3. Not increasing.	Took part in social activities and held occasional drill.			Nil.	Nil.		1. Shibpalle area. 2. Potentially dangerous.	
12. Deshbandhu Byas Samity Volunteers.	1. 30 2. Good. 3. Increasing.	Took part in social activities and held occasional physical drill.			Nil.	Nil.		1. North Calcutta. 2. Potentially dangerous.	

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161. B.P.C.C. (Suspended) National Relief Committee.

In continuation of para. 97:

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At a meeting held at 5, Hastings Street on 17. 2. 42, the National Relief Committee* was formed.

*Serwani of Chittagong

Seey. Howrah Dist. C.C.

Deben De (E.D.) in charge of

Amar Bose (E.D.) collection

Nripen Mitra of funds.

Haripada Bose, in charge of

Aswani Ganguly (E.D.), Sealdah, Princep

A.M.A. Zaman M.L.A. Ghat, Babu Ghat

and Howrah areas.

Leela Roy, E.D.

Narendra Narayan Chakravarty in charge

M.L.A., Mamenta Bose. of general

organization
of the Com-
mittee.

The object of the Committee is to capture the mind of the masses for political purposes, through philanthropic works, with or without the co-operation of Government. Volunteers are being recruited and ward and district committees are being organised throughout Calcutta. The Central Calcutta District Congress Committee has already formed a similar

committee+.

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Haripada Bose,

Ram Chowdhury,

Ram Kamal Das,

Tulasi Das Mukherjee,

Gazen Bhaduri,

Sibapada Mukherjee,

Bhupen Guha.

At a meeting of Ward IX Congress Committee held at 11, Holwell Lane, on 22. 2. 42, a decision to form a committee for this ward also, was made.

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independent and come to terms with the invaders for the maintenance of their normal activities in peace, Nehru replied that the question which has not so far been considered in this light would be discussed by the Congress Working Committee at their next sitting. He asked those present to act with a clear conscience and not to accept the invaders' help in fighting the Britishers, as slavery could not thus be thrown off. In view of the rapid change of the war front he expressed his inability to give them further decisive instructions but advised them to seek guidance from Maulana Azad in the event of an emergency.

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Name of organisations.	A.			B.		C.		D.	
	1. Present strength.	2. Financial position.	3. Whether membership increasing.	Principal activities during past six months.		Changes in Constitution of General Committee.		Extent of influence and importance, whether actually or potentially dangerous.	
12. Hindustani Scout Association.	1. 2000 2. Not sound. 3. Not increasing.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.		Nil.		1. Whole of Calcutta. 2. Not dangerous.	
14. Arya Bir Dal (volunteers of Arya Samaj).	1. 12 2. Sound. 3. Not increasing.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.		Nil.		1. Park Circus Area. 2. Not dangerous.	
15. Mukul Sangha.	1. 40 2. Not sound. 3. Not increasing.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.		Nil.		1. Central Calcutta. 2. Potentially dangerous.	
16. Sarawati Khatirlya Jwa Sahga Volunteers.	1. 26 2. Not sound. 3. Decreasing.	Attended social functions only.	-	-		-		1. Park Circus Area. 2. Not dangerous.	
17. Bhakkar Volunteers.	1. 200 2. Sound. 3. Decreasing rapidly.	No activity since organisation was banned. Few khakkar badges of brotherhood on Idul-Feter day in No. 41. Bhakkar are now taking interest in Muslim League activities in their individual capacities.		-		-		1. Whole of Calcutta. 2. Very dangerous.	
18. Muslim League Volunteers known as Muslim National Guard.	1. 400 2. Sound. 3. Not increasing.	Attended Muslim League meetings and took part in social activities.	Nil	-		-		1. Whole of Calcutta. 2. Not dangerous.	
19. Calcutta Khilafat Committee Volunteers.	1. 400 2. Sound. 3. Not increasing.	Attended meetings and took part in social activities.	Nil	-		-		1. Whole of Calcutta. 2. Not dangerous.	
20. Calcutta Dockers' Union	1. 60 2. Not good. 3. Decreasing.	Held meetings and discussed (Nil) on trade union activities.	Nil	-		-		1. Dock areas. 2. Not dangerous.	

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Extract from Summary of Secret Reports received
about Revolutionary matters for the week ending 25th.
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3. Calcutta - B.P.C.C. (suspended). A-S.201 reports on
16th. April that according to Subhas Chandra Bose, Suren-
dra Mohan Ghosh (ex-State prisoner, Jugantar), is res-
ponsible for the recent arrest of the B.V. Group leaders
in order to be left free to revive the Jugantar organ-
isation through the new B.P.C.C. Subhas Chandra Bose said
that by attempting to stop terrorism by these arrests the
Government was encouraging terrorism. The arrest of the
B.V. Group leaders, who are important workers of the
Forward Bloc, has considerably disheartened Subhas Chandra
Bose and he has instructed Lakshi Kanta Sil and others to
collect funds and enrol volunteers for the B.P.C.C.

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166. Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and B.P.C.C. (Ad Hoc).

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*Sja. Labanya Probha Dutt,
Sja. Bishnupriya Devi,
Miss Kamala Das Gupta,
Kiranankar Roy,
Kalipada Mukerji,
Raj Kumar Chakravarti,
Amar Ghosh,
Kamal Krishna Roy,
Sailajananda Sen,
Ramsundar Singh,
Bhupati Mazumdar,
Sudhir Ghosh,
Sushil Banerjee,
Jyotish Bhowmik, and
Prafulla Banerji.

Pt. Nehru avoided all questions regarding the real motive of Marshall and Madame Chiang Kai Shek's visit to India. At an exclusive interview to select Congressmen at Dr. B.C. Roy's house on 21. 2. 42, he advised those present* not to call their relief organisation a "Volunteer Corps" which savoured of militarism, but to name it "Seva Dal". He stressed that it should comprise only chosen Congressmen who would instil courage into others, by remaining at their posts against the greatest odds. He held that the personnel of the A.R.P. and Civic Guards were chosen from such strata that with the commencement of a raid or invasion, most would run away. He warned the Seva Dal against coming into conflict with government organizations and averred that responsible Congressmen should forthwith visit rural areas where there was really insufficient protective arrangements and prepare villagers against the sinister plans of unscrupulous persons who might overawe the local chowkidars and create local disturbances. He expected that Bengal Congressmen would creditably tide over the hard ordeal that awaited them shortly. In answer to Kamala Das Gupta's query if in the event of an invasion Indians should declare themselves

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Extract from Statement of Dacca C.A.311 d/26-2-42.

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1. A meeting of the Central Calcutta District Congress Committee (official) was held in its office at 16, Sakul Baral Lane on 18-2-42. It was attended by Narendra Nath Sen (Secy. Central Calcutta D.C.C.), Bijay Singh, Nahar, Miss Kamala Chatarji (B.R.5564), Amulya Chatarji son of Lalit Mohan of Garifa, P.S.Naihati, 24-Parganas and of Calcutta and others. In accordance with the direction of the B.P.C.C. a 'Civil Protection Committee' was formed with 25 members with powers to co-opt more to make arrangements for the protection of the Civil population in case of hostile air raids and to raise a Volunteer Corps for the purpose. The following are the members of the "Civil Protection Committee":-

1. Narendra Nath Sen....Convenor.
 2. Bijay Singh Nahar.
 3. Miss Kamal Chatarji (B.R.5564).
 4. Amulya Chatarji.
 5. Satyabrata Chatarji (externee from Mymensingh)
 6. Asoke Das, Pleader.
- and others (names not known).

5.s/o Abani of Baherak,
Dacca, and of Mymensingh
town.

The members of the Volunteer Corps would be imparted A.R.P. and First Aid training etc. in the Model School on the Wellington Street (near Wellington Park). Volunteers are being enrolled for then proposed Volunteer Corps.

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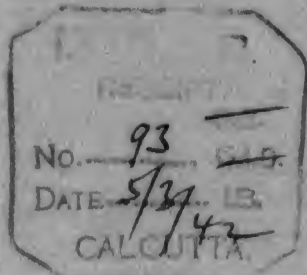
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Sd/-P. Biswas.

Special Superintendent of Police,
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the news about arrival of evacuee ships, but he asked in a letter dated 12. 2. 42 the Congress Committee to get in touch with the Evacuees Reception Committee. Various other problems affecting the evacuees' relief work, lack of facilities to the Congress Volunteers by the authorities and their consequent dependence on other relief organizations who were given recognition as against them, were also discussed. Maulana Azad wanted, however, to discuss with the Hon'ble Messrs Huq and Bose to find out how far the Government was prepared to collaborate with the Congress in this matter and A.R.P. Work.

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* Dr.B.C.Roy, Kiron Sankar Roy,
Amar Ghosh (E.D.), Raj K.
Chakrabarti (Prof.), Kshitish
Prosad Chattopadhyaya, Bejoy
Lal Chatarji, Jagannath Tala-
patra, Dr.Nalinakshya Sanyal,
Kali Mukharji, Sailajananda Sen,
Dr.K.S.Roy, Sudhir Ghosh,
Bhupati Majumdar, Dr.Protap Guha
Roy, Satya Narain Missir,
Tulsiram Sarogi, Jyotish Bhaumik,
Jibananda Bhattacharji, Labanya
Prova Dutta, Bejoy Singh Nahar.

+ President - Dr.B.C.Roy,
Secretary - Bhupati Majumdar,
Treasurer - G.D.Birla.

**Dr.B.C.Roy, Amar Ghosh,
Bhupati Majumdar, Tulsi Sarogi,
Kiran Sankar Roy, Manoranjan
Neogi, Bejoy Singh Nahar.

At the first meeting* held on 25.2.42 at
the residence of No.1 (36 Wellington Street) under
the presidentship of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad,

office-bearers* were elected.
A Committee ** was also form-
ed to draw up a scheme of work
to be presented at the next
meeting. The Secretaries of
the District Committees should
meanwhile, appoint thirty-two
ward organizers in the differ-
ent wards, one for each, who
should be present at the next
meeting. The President, in
urging the immediate formation
of a corps, advised the work-
ers to get in touch with
citizens and assure them that
the organization would help
them in an emergency. On being
asked by the president to give
him some impressions of their
relief work with regard to the
Burma evacuees, Jagannath
Talapatra, the Provisional
captain of the Congress
Volunteers, handed over a note
besides giving his views on
the matter. In the note, it

was said that the Deputy Commissioner, Port Police,
refused to allow Congress volunteers as such inside
the jetties and did not communicate to the Congress

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21. North Calcutta District Congress Committee (Ad Hoc).

In continuation of February para 102: Sudhir Ghosh, the Secretary, has printed and published the first of the proposed series of propaganda leaflet dealing with the programme of Congress in an emergency. It is headed "the duties of the public in the present emergency" and is issued from 17B, Malin Sarkar Street. It says that the North Calcutta Congress Civil Protection Committee has been formed to serve the Calcutta public in all emergencies and a volunteer corps is being raised. In asking the people not to be panicky, it asks those who wish to evacuate, to organize themselves in the mofussil areas, pay attention to the constructive programme of the Congress, and to communicate their addresses to the Congress office. It also requests the public to stock two months' requirements of food-stuff, dig tube wells and slit trenches, arrange for shelters, take shelter in trenches or neighbouring houses at the time of air-raid, co-operate with Congress volunteers and communicate to the local Congress Units.

*Bankim Chatterji alias Paran,	as volunteers last week to
Anil Mukharji,	work under the B.P.C.C. in
Sailesh Chakrabarti,	connection with evacuees'
Satya Ghosh (E.D.),	relief.
Bisnesswar Bose (E.C.),	
Adyanath Bhattacharji (E.D.),	
Suren Dutta Gupta.	

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3. Calcutta.—(a) J.P. 319 reports on 26th January that Sailajananda Sen has been entrusted with the task of organising volunteer corps of the B.P.C.C. in the districts and directing all its activities during air raids by Japan or any other foreign power.

in these areas, by supplying them with food and maps of important objectives in Calcutta and the neighbouring districts, for facilitating their work of destruction to cripple Britain. In these efforts they would try to get help of all the revolutionary groups working in these areas. Phani Chatarji agreed to prepare maps of important objectives in Howrah district and Pulin Ray undertook to arrange supply of food at Bantra, Howrah. They also agreed to make secret propaganda amongst young men to rouse their sympathies in favour of Japan.

[Note.—There is no corroboration of this information from any other source.]

For 'Rajbandi Bakery', see paragraph 1(b), page 1222 of 1941.]

3. **Calcutta—Madaripur Jugantar Party-Forward Bloc.**—A.S. 244 reports on 15th December that Brajen Das (B.R. 4930) and Ramesh Datta visualised an immediate struggle for which all members should remain prepared. Instructions are being issued to the members in Calcutta and districts to collect statistics regarding the strength of the military forces stationed at different military stations in Bengal, the number of police-stations with the strength of officers and men in each district, approximate figures regarding arms and ammunition in each police-station and armoury in the interior and district headquarters and other allied matters. The party also proposes to have a press of its own with a view to printing and circulating leaflets periodically inciting the public in general. It will take the initiative in this connection and negotiate with other revolutionary groups comprising the Forward Bloc [cf. paragraph 2(b), pages 487-88 of 1941]. The Sree Sangha is said to have already approved of the plan. Volunteer recruitment is being carried on in the different wards. This plan of action is said to be a preliminary to the capture of power in the event of a breakdown of the Government which is anticipated.

[Note.—For the proposed F.B. armed rising and leafleteering, see paragraph 8(b), page 764 of 1941.]

4. **Calcutta—Madaripur Group.**—C. 200 reports on 15th December that according to Purna Chandra Das (ex-State prisoner) the terrorist parties will begin their work as soon as Calcutta is bombed.

5. **Faridpur—Madaripur Jugantar-Forward Bloc.**—F.A. 143 reports on 28th December that according to Bholanath Datta of Masura (who was the Organising Secretary of the B.P.S.F.—externed from Calcutta—see paragraph 7, page 843 of 1941) members should work under the cover of local *bona fide* organisations such as Village Defence Parties, Rural Development Societies, etc. Recruitment should be carried on by sham organisations which may be given colourless names such as "Rabindra Smriti Pathagar", "Sarat Sangha" and the like. The party should also be ready to fight openly against the British when the Japanese succeed in invading India and supply arms to the Indian revolutionaries. He was yet unaware of any precise direction from the Forward Bloc but before his externment he heard that their party had been negotiating with foreign countries.

[Note.—The agent reported on 24th September 1940 that according to Bijayananda Datta, the All-India Central Executive Committee of the Forward Bloc had arranged with foreign countries for a supply of arms and ammunition—see paragraph 11(b), pages 1115-16 of 1940.]

The agent reported on 3rd September 1940 that Panchanan Chakrabarti (B.R. 4869, now a convict) said that they must not think that arms and ammunition were not available, as these may be had without much difficulty (see paragraph 11, page 1019 of 1940).

For Frontier connections of Bijayananda Datta regarding supply of arms (see paragraph 12, page 930 of 1941).]

6. **Bakarganj.**—B.A. 108 reports on 10th December that Indu Bhusan Das Gupta, Pleader, Kanti Chatarji (B.R. 137) and Mrs. Manada Sundari Aich visit "Bandhu Sangha" centres at Govindapur, Goalbari, Nalgora,

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